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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Todd MCGARVEY, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/602,264  
Confirmation No.: 1410  
Priority Date: 27 December 2000  
Filed: 24 June 2003

: Group Art Unit: 1724  
: Examiner: Chester T. Barry

For: **Method And Apparatus Using Super Absorbent Polymers For Dehydration Of Oil**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

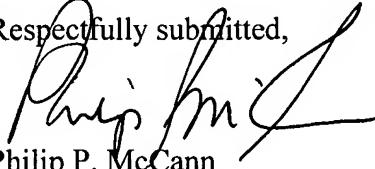
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 16, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Group II consisting of Claims 8 to 13 for examination in the above-identified application.

Please withdraw Group I consisting of Claims 1 to 7 from consideration at this time without prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional application thereon.

**If any fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190 and consider this a Petition therefore.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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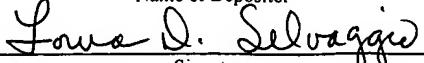
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